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ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS SECRETARY ANNOUNCES SMART GROWTH GRANT RECIPIENTS

Executive Office of Environmental Affairs (EOEA) Secretary, Robert W. Golledge, Jr., announced today 51 communities throughout the commonwealth will receive grants to assist in land use planning and smart growth efforts. In total over \$800,000 in funding has been awarded this fiscal year through EOEA's Smart Growth Technical Assistance Grant Program.

Projects awarded include: development of stormwater and low impact development bylaws; open space residential subdivision bylaws; mixed-use city and town center zoning districts; and transit oriented development zoning districts.

"These grants help encourage quality development while also protecting our Commonwealth's critical resources—water quality to prime farmland," says EOEA Secretary Robert Golledge.

Eligible parties under this program were regional planning agencies and municipalities. The program's selection criteria favored activities that implement recommendations from Master Plans or Community Development Plans, promote development consistent with the Commonwealth Capital criteria, and most importantly, achieve real change in local land use practices.

This program is a primary component of the comprehensive program of smart growth efforts conducted by EOEA and other agencies under the auspices of the Office for Commonwealth Development. Other initiatives include:

- The Commonwealth Capital Policy, which provides a financial incentive to communities to implement specific smart growth-consistent land use measures; and
- The Smart Growth Toolkit, which contains model bylaws and other educational materials.

Questions on specific grants or the grant program should be directed to Kurt Gaertner, Director of Sustainable Development (617-626-1154 or Kurt.Gaertner@state.ma.us) or Eric Hove, Assistant Director of Sustainable Development (617-626-1131 or Eric.Hove@state.ma.us).

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Attached is a list of communities and organizations receiving Smart Growth Grants

Town	Applicant (if different)	Project	Funds Awarded
Arlington		Open Space and Recreation Plan update; Housing & Economic Development plan; Low Impact Development bylaw; Mixed-use bylaw	\$28,000
Ashburnham		Low Impact Development bylaw	\$7,100
Auburn		Village center overlay district; sign bylaw; Rt. 12 gateway bylaw; commercial design standards; land trust model bylaw	\$30,000
Becket		Rezoning including ridgeline, river, and wind power bylaws, and accessory dwelling units	\$30,000
Belchertown	Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC)	Open Space Residential Design by-right bylaw; Low Impact Development bylaw	\$7,493
Bellingham		Two Mixed-use overlay districts and visualizations thereof	\$29,830
Bourne		Guide to redeveloping historic downtowns in flood plains	\$30,000
Buckland	Franklin Regional Council of Governments (FRCOG)	Agricultural preservation zoning	\$12,750
Chester	PVPC	Open Space Residential Design; Rt. 2 overlay district	\$13,813
Chester, Cummington, Huntington, Middlefield, Worthington	PVPC	Westfield River Wild & Scenic bylaw update	\$4,772
Concord		Conceptual plans for three village centers	\$29,835
Dalton		Ridgeline protection bylaw, Low Impact Development bylaw, and a developer's guide	\$13,250
East Longmeadow	PVPC	Bylaws changes to allow mixed-uses in the Village Center and drafting of parking and landscaping standards	\$4,394
Fall River		Zoning review; redraft downtown; waterfront; site plan; parking; and sign ordinances	\$29,000

Freetown		Open Space Residential Design bylaw; aquifer protection bylaw; Transit Oriented Development analysis for potential old colony rail line station; and a resident survey	\$30,000
Great Barrington		Open Space Residential Design bylaw update; Community Preservation Act research & education; Downtown mixed-use bylaw	\$30,000
Hingham		Low Impact Development bylaw	\$20,000
Lanesborough		Zoning review; Town Center rezoning; Site Plan Review updates	\$17,500
Leicester		Stormwater bylaw	\$7,300
Lenox	Berkshire Regional Planning Commission	Traditional Neighborhood Development districts for the “Gateway” and Lenox Road	\$27,500
Lexington		Open Space Residential Design bylaw & graphics	\$15,000
Maynard		Low Impact Development bylaw	\$7,100
Medway		Mill overlay zoning district; Traditional Neighborhood Development bylaw	\$8,245
Millville		Open Space Residential Design bylaw	\$4,500
New Salem	FRCOG	Open Space Residential Design bylaw	\$5,100
North Andover		Downtown district bylaw	\$28,400
North Brookfield		Master Plan sections: open space, land use, zoning, and transportation	\$25,076
North Reading		Open Space Residential Design bylaw; affordable housing parcel inventory; revised highway and industrial zoning	\$29,801
Otis		Village center update; Low Impact Development bylaw; Open Space Residential Design bylaw	\$22,695
Oxford		Downtown study and zoning to achieve a mixed-use village and address transportation concerns	\$20,000
Pelham		Forest conservation bylaw with graphics	\$20,000
Plainfield	PVPC	Open Space & Recreation Plan update	\$9,804
Plainville		Revised mixed-use downtown zoning; inclusionary zoning; and open space element of Master Plan	\$19,975
Plymouth		Stormwater design guidelines & Low Impact Development standards	\$30,000
Plympton	Old Colony Planning Council	Open Space & Recreation Plan	\$9,000
Randolph		Open Space Residential Design bylaw; Transfer of	\$30,000

		Development Rights market analysis and visioning	
Rutland		Ten model bylaws customized to Rutland and a feasibility study of the Rutland Heights Hospital site	\$25,000
Stoughton		Open Space Residential Design bylaw & zoning diagnostic	\$23,440
Templeton		Low Impact Development bylaw; Inclusionary zoning bylaw; Traditional Neighborhood Development bylaw; Transfer of Development Rights bylaw; Open Space Residential Design bylaw; Wind bylaw; and feasibility study	\$20,000
Tyngsborough		Town center overlay and commercial corridor overlay with design guidelines	\$12,750
Upton		Low Impact Development bylaw	\$9,800
Walpole & Norfolk		Reuse analysis of the MCI Walpole property and the adjacent Pondville Hospital property	\$45,000
Warwick	FRCOG	Rezoning to create village center districts and drafting of new subdivision regulations	\$12,750
Wendell		Forest conservation bylaw with graphics	\$20,000
Williamstown		Open Space Residential Design bylaw	\$5,500
Winthrop		Waterfront rezoning; feasibility study	\$30,000
Worthington	PVPC	Village Center bylaw	\$4,910

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